



**LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT
MAY 2017**

Mesa Host Lions,

Lion Barbara and I were fortunate to be the escort for Lions Clubs International Director Bill and Lion Vickie Phillipi from the Marysville Lions Club, Kansas for 5 days. We, along with District Governor Rosemarie and Lion Jong Gabriel, PCC Richard O. and PVDG J. W. Brown met them at Sky Harbor, took them to lunch, to the hotel and to dinner upon their Thursday arrival. The next morning Lion Barbara and I picked up ID Bill and Lion Vickie, headed to the Melvin Jones Lions International Memorial at Fort Thomas for their first visit. Safford Lion Jim Warren met us and conducted the tour. Back in the van and headed for Show Low thru the Salt River Canyon, stopping at a number of lookout points.

Past International Director Dick and Lion Fay Sawyer met us in Show Low and took over as escorts for the 21C Cabinet Meeting, Convention and Health fair at Camp Tatiyee. Saturday Lions took part in Camp cleaning of the grounds or worked the Health Fair. Lions Dave and Beverly were in attendance assisting the public attendees at the Health Fair. Saturday night we attended "Dining in the Dark" Hawaiian theme dinner, awards presentations and dance.

Lion Barbara and I received an LCI Presidents Award. The Club received two 21-C appreciation awards for the 2nd quarter and outstanding mid-year conference and cabinet meeting attendance. Sunday back into the van for International Director Bill and Lion Vicky returning to Mesa thru Payson and to their hotel to pack and get much needed rest. They fully enjoyed seeing the many sites and flora of Arizona. Monday morning we picked them up and off to the airport.

LCI 100th Centennial Service Challenge found this month's contribution with Club members collecting and delivering 80 cases of water, 17 pounds of canned food to St. Vincent DePaul and Salvation Army for homeless and low income families; 2 deliveries of items to Treasures 4 Teachers; delivered, with the Thunderbird Lions Club, a truck load of plastic bags to the Salvation Army for its "Mats for the homeless" campaign. Protecting the environment by recycling.

We visited the Redeemer Christian School for K-12 at the request of the 1st & 2nd grade teacher Mrs. Holmond. Her students were beginning a project of glasses collection and two Lions glasses boxes were the order of the day. The children were inquisitive about Lions and anxious to start their collection project. This is the second time students from this school have elected to collect glasses for the Lions.

PCC Jim Sternberg Installed the Club officers for 2017-2018 . More information in body of newsletter. Watch your e-mail for our club awards presentations. This will be done at a regular Club meeting before you all leave town for the summer. May will be another busy month with our community service day at "Kids Need to Read" on the 9th and the MD 21 conference May, 19, 20 & 21st.

Lion Bill